SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5292**

					1			3
		7	6					
8	6		4	3	9		5	
		4	7				9	
	3	8	1				7	
				5				
7		5		8				2
9		3				6		
	8	6	5	4				

TRICKY **B5292**

		4	2				6	
5	3							1
		3						2
9		8	1					
	1		6			5	4	
		6			1		2	5
			7			9		6
		7			9		8	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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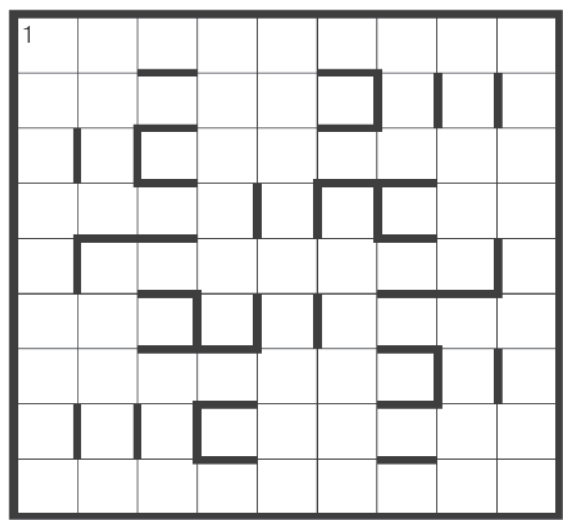
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

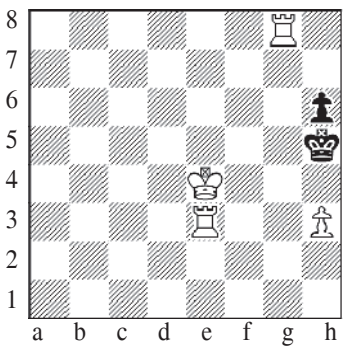
1 Mobsters (9)
Type of tree (3)
Smother (6)
Fish eagle (6)
Eating plan (4)
4,840 square yards (4)
Impetuous or rash (3-6)
Perceives or notices (7)
_ Lawson, food writer (7)
Point a gun (3)
Imprecise (7)



DOWN

1 Honesty (4,5)
Made terms (anag.) (9)
Conger or moray (3)
Throws dice (5)
Courageous (6)
Regulation (4)
Young newt (3)
Australian wild dog (5)
Flowering shrub (6)
Sparkling Italian wine (4)
Set apart from others (9)

CHESS



WHITE MATES IN 3

HINT: THE PAWN IS IN THE WAY.

Solution:
1. h4! Kxh4 2. Re1!
followed by Rh1 mate.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 14;

Very good 21;

Excellent 28 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

COACHWORK

chock COACHWORK cock cook cork crack croak crock crook hack hark hawk hock hook hooka kora okra rack rock rook wacko whack whacko work wrack

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

HEY.
OH, HEY, MARCUS.
I LIKE YOUR SHIRT. I USED TO HAVE A SHIRT JUST LIKE THAT...
...WHEN I WAS THREE!
HAW HAW HA HA HA HA HA
SIGH...
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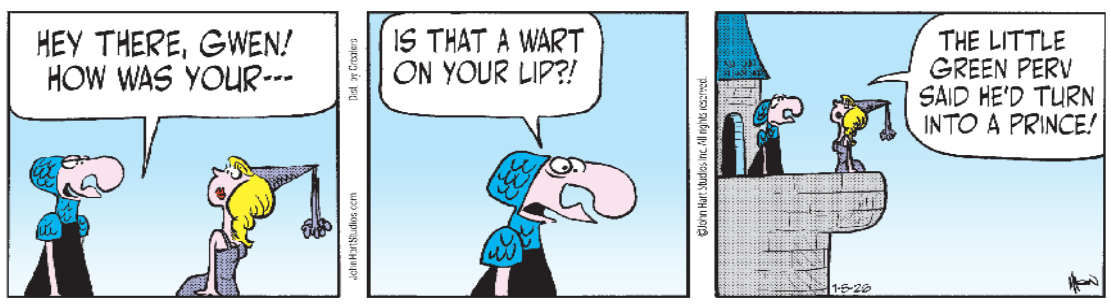
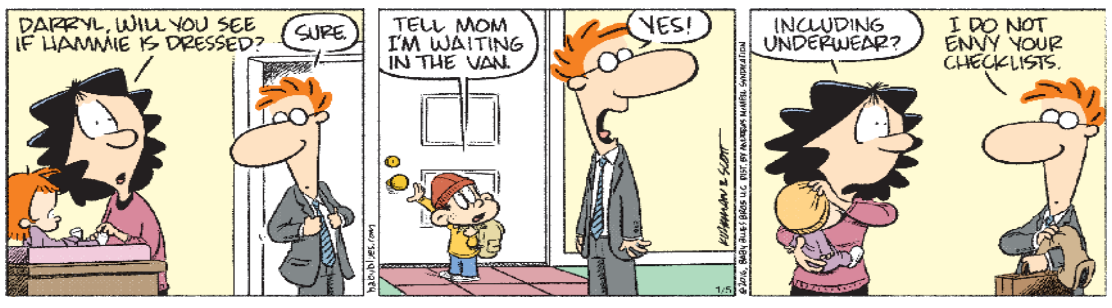
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


DARRYL, WILL YOU SEE IF HAMMIE IS DRESSED?
SURE.
TELL MOM I'M WAITING IN THE VAN.
YES!
INCLUDING UNDERWEAR?
I DO NOT ENVY YOUR CHECKLISTS.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:51pm	05:16pm	05:57pm	05:15pm	05:21pm	05:51pm
Sunrise	07:12am	07:10am	07:16am	07:01am	07:17am	07:25am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	7	17	PM Showers	80	6	17	Sunny	5	16	Sunny
Hyderabad	10	25	Sunny	57	9	24	Sunny	9	23	Sunny
Islamabad	6	17	Sunny	79	6	17	Partly Cloudy	5	17	Sunny
Lahore	7	16	Cloudy	72	5	16	Fog	5	16	Sunny
Multan	7	18	Cloudy	79	6	18	Partly Cloudy	5	18	Partly Cloudy
Peshawar	6	19	Mostly Sunny	81	4	18	Sunny	4	19	Sunny
Quetta	-3	9	Sunny	53	-3	9	Sunny	-3	10	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
LAZULITE

(LAZULITE: LAH-zhu-lite: An azure-blue mineral.)

Average mark 13 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 19 or more words in LAZULITE?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — CHOCOLATE

cache	coat	halt	lath	tale
cachet	coca	hate	lathe	teach
catch	cochlea	heal	leach	teal
chalet	coco	heat	loath	tech
chat	cocoa	helot	loathe	thole
cheat	coho	hole	locate	tole
cholate	cola	hoot	loot	tool
cleat	cole	hotel	loth	each
cloche	colt	oath	ache	echo
clot	cool	ocelot	achoo	etch
cloth	coot	oleo	aloe	
clothe	cote	lace	alto	
coach	hale	latch	taco	
coal	halo	late	talc	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

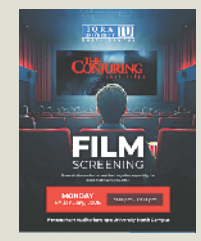
1 Suffering
7 Ante
8 Ringo
10 Ann
11 Dearth
13 Water polo
14 Petrol
16 Din
18 Grind
19 Rome
20 Except for.

DOWN

1 Sand wedge
2 Unseal
3 Fear
4 Rio
5 In a word
6 Gondolier
8 Retread
9 Satanic
12 Slow mo
15 Tart
17 One.

METRO EVENTS

FILM SCREENING



The Conjuring: Last Rites is screened at the main auditorium of Iqra University, North Campus, at 3pm.

WORKSHOP

A workshop on 'Building a Reproducible Workflow and Publishable-Style Reports with R: Basic and Beyond' is organised at Department of Community Health Sciences, Aga Khan University, Stadium Road, at 9am.

SPORT

Opening ceremony of IUGC Sports Premier League, Season Five, is held at Iqra University Gulshan Campus, at 11:30am.

SESSION

A session on 'Elevator Pitch & Value Proposition' is organised at Iqra University, EDC Building (Main Campus), at 1pm.

EXHIBITION

Beyond DNA 3, an exhibition of works by multiple artists, is underway at Sanat Initiative. The show will continue till Jan 8.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Today you have a strong sense of everything being right with the world. You need to be yourself and to feel who you really are. When talking to others, you'll project yourself with more emotion and passion. Meanwhile, romance is simmering on the back burner. Tonight: Be playful.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** Today you're happy to relax at home if you can pull this off, because you need to take refuge from the busyness of the world around you. You want to enjoy a pleasant, relaxing time at home, preferably with your favorite snacks and comfort food. (You're good at this.) Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** When talking to others today, or perhaps casting a glance about your daily world, you will be subjective. Everything will be from your POV today. Even your participation in different conversations will take place at a gut level. In particular, you have a strong urge to have a meaningful conversation with someone. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** Today the Moon is in your Money House, which makes you identify with your possessions. This is why you will feel happiest if you can be surrounded by familiar objects, especially objects that have meaning for you from your past. You'll be ready to defend your values in a discussion with someone. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, it heightens your emotions and makes you feel a greater need to relate to loved ones. However, it can also slightly improve your good luck. Oh yes, today the universe owes you a favor! Tonight: You're in charge.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** This is a playful, fun-loving time for you! Social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids plus romantic tete-a-tetes are tops on your menu. However, today you might want to withdraw from the busyness of the world around you and keep your feelings secret. (It's OK to hide.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Friendships are important to you today, which is why you might feel more protective or supportive than usual to someone. This is also why contact with others, as well as interactions with groups, will be meaningful today. Share your hopes for the future with someone. Tonight: A warm connection with someone.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Today members of the public might know personal details about your private life for some reason. Think about this in case you have to do some damage control. Or perhaps you'll have a public argument or do a little hissing in an elevator. Tonight: You're noticed.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** This day begins with exciting energy. You're eager to explore your world. You want to learn new things, meet new people and be inspired by new ideas. Travel or anything that breaks your routine will be stimulating for you. Do something different! Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** Today your emotional experiences will be more intense. You might feel possessive about property, especially something shared or very old and familiar. ("My precious!") You want greater control of your life through the things you own. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. It's not a big deal, but it might reduce conflicts. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Your one-to-one relationships will be important. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** This is a positive day full of upbeat energy. You might have to put the interests of someone else before your own today and perform a service for them. By no means does this mean you're being a martyr; you're just being helpful. Tonight: Get organized.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ --
♥ J 10 8 5 3
♦ K 10 6 4
♣ A 9 8 4

WEST
♠ Q J 9 8 6
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 3 2

EAST
♠ K 10 7 5 3 2
♥ K
♦ J 8 3
♣ Q 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 4
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♠	4 ♠
6 ♥			

Opening lead -- queen of spades.

This remarkable hand, played many years ago by Clagett Bowie of Baltimore, features an extraordinary endplay.

Bowie had bid six hearts fully aware that if his partner had a spade void, his ace would be of doubtful value. However, he also thought that his six-heart bid might induce the opponents to bid six spades.

The slam seems impossible to make, even if you see all four hands. Declarer has a certain trump loser and also a loser in both diamonds and clubs. But Bowie made the contract and, furthermore, could not be defeated!

He ruffed the lead in dummy and led a heart to the ace. Then, to set the stage for the endplay he visualized, he trumped the ace of spades in dummy!

Bowie next led a trump, and after winning with the queen, West had no safe return. If he led a spade, declarer would ruff in dummy, discard the club five and then establish an extra club trick in dummy by ruffing the third round. If West instead returned a club or a diamond, South would score four tricks in that suit and simultaneously avoid a loser in the other suit.

If, for example, West led a low club and East played the queen, West's jack could then be overcome via a finesse. Or if West led the club jack instead, East's queen could then be trapped by going up with dummy's ace. The same was true if West shifted to a diamond. All roads thus led to 12 tricks.

Note that if Bowie had discarded a club or a diamond from dummy instead of ruffing the ace of spades at trick three, the slam would have failed. After being thrown on lead with the trump queen, West would have returned whichever suit Bowie had discarded from dummy. The setting trick would then have come from the other suit.

Tomorrow: Bidding a lot with a little.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5291

1	6	4	2	9	8	3	5	7
5	9	7	3	6	4	8	1	2
2	3	8	7	5	1	6	9	4
4	1	9	5	8	7	2	3	6
8	7	3	1	2	6	5	4	9
6	5	2	9	4	3	1	7	8
7	2	1	6	3	9	4	8	5
9	8	5	4	1	2	7	6	3
3	4	6	8	7	5	9	2	1

Tricky — B5291

6	7	3	5	9	1	4	8	2
4	5	8	2	7	3	1	9	6
9	2	1	4	8	6	3	7	5
1	4	6	8	3	5	9	2	7
5	3	2	7	4	9	8	6	1
8	9	7	1	6	2	5	4	3
7	6	9	3	5	4	2	1	8
2	8	5	9	1	7	6	3	4
3	1	4	6	2	8	7	5	9